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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of managing chargeable parking of vehicles, of the type using a plurality of vehicle immobilizing devices to immobilize defaulting vehicles, wherein a release code is delivered to the user after payment of the corresponding fine, said method comprising the following steps:

- a) providing at least one parking terminal equipped with payment means;
- b) providing a server comprising having a database connected to the parking terminal and containing a list of pairs of data items each formed of an identifier assigned to an externally applied immobilizing device and an associated release code;
- c) in the event of a release request from a user, receiving entering the identifier of said immobilizing device, entered by said user, at said parking terminal;
- d) at the parking terminal, setting up a session for payment of the amount corresponding to releasing the vehicle immobilizing device by means of the payment means, and communicating the identifier of said immobilizing device entered at said parking terminal in this way to the server after validation of the payment session;
- e) at the server, receiving the identifier entered at said parking terminal in this way and in response delivering the associated release code to the terminal; and
- f) at the terminal, receiving the release code delivered from the server in this way to

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supply it to the user, allowing them to release said externally applied immobilizing device.

2. (currently amended) Installation for managing chargeable parking of vehicles, of the type comprising a plurality of vehicle immobilizing devices for immobilizing vehicles defaulting, and wherein a release code is delivered to the user after payment of an amount corresponding to releasing the vehicle immobilizing device, said installation comprising:

- a parking terminal having payment means, and
- a server having a database connected to the parking terminal and containing a list of pairs of data items each formed of an identifier assigned to an externally applied immobilizing device and an associated release code, and in that in the event of a release request from a user, the parking terminal is adapted to set up a session for payment of the amount corresponding to releasing the vehicle immobilizing device by means of said payment means and to communicate to the server the identifier, entered by the user, of the immobilizing device to be released after validation of the payment session, while the server is adapted to receive the identifier entered at said parking terminal in this way and to deliver in response thereto the associated release code to the terminal, in order to allow the user to release the externally applied immobilizing device concerned.

3. (currently amended) Parking terminal belonging to the installation according to claim 1, further comprising payment means adapted to process payment means from the group comprising coins, a bank card, an electronic wallet ~~or the like~~, a mobile telephone.

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4. (currently amended) Terminal according to claim 3, further comprising a means for entering an identifier from the group comprising a keypad and/or a screen, a bar code reader, a ticket reader of the contact or contactless type, a transceiver adapted to set up a call to a mobile telephone ~~or the like~~.

5. (previously present) Terminal according to claim 3, further comprising a means adapted to deliver the release code on a printed receipt or stored on a ticket of the contact or contactless type that the immobilizing device concerned is able to read.